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"Attack on Titan" Character Introductions

104th Corps

Survey Corps

Soldiers who are prepared to sacrifice themselves as they brave the Titan territory outside the walls.

Zeke

The Beast Titan

Squad Captain
Levi

13th Commander of the Survey Corps
Erwin Smith

Squad Leader
Hange Zoë

Jean Kirstein

Graduated at the top of her training corps, Mikasa is a highly talented soldier. Her parents were murdered before her eyes when she was a child, but Eren saved her life. Since then, she has made it her mission to protect him.

Mikasa Ackerman

Eren joined the Survey Corps out of his longing for the outside world and his hatred of the Titans. He has the power to turn himself into a Titan, but its origins are unknown.

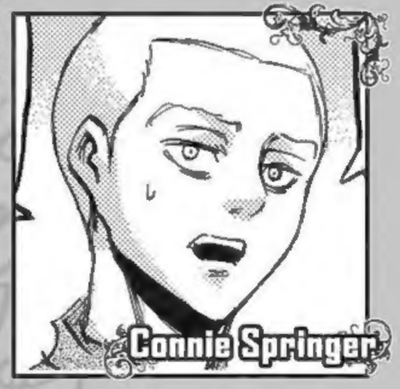
Eren Yeager

Eren and Mikasa's childhood friend. Though Armin isn't athletic in the least, he possesses both sharp observational powers and keen insight, and he exhibits an extraordinary ability to develop strategies.

Armin Arlert

Ymir

Krista Lenz
(Historia Reiss)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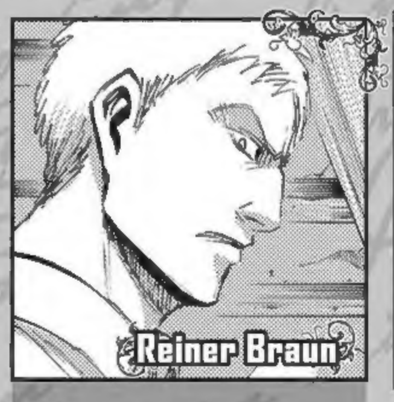
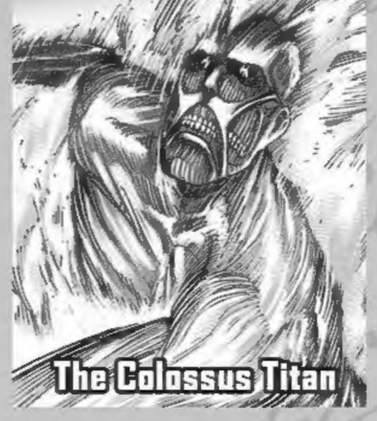
Marco Bott

Sasha Blouse

Bertolt Hoover


Reiner Braun

Annie Leonhart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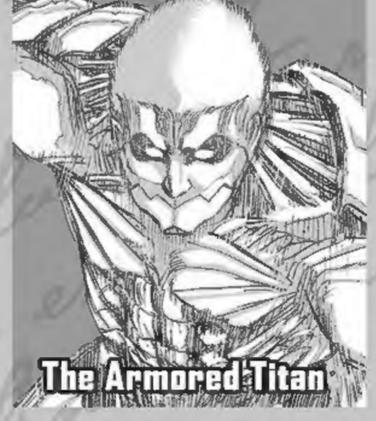
The Armored Titan

The Female Titan

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HEY.

WHY DON'T YOU EVER FIGHT BACK?

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DO YOU WANT TO KEEP LOSING FOR-EVER?

THAT'S WHY THEY TREAT YOU LIKE THAT.

I'M NOT LOS-ING...

I...

I'M NOT RUN-NING AWAY.

BE-CAUSE ...

WHAT ?

HEY...

WHAT'S YOUR NAME ?

FSSSH

IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU THAT WE WERE ABLE TO CAPTURE HIM...

ALL I COULD DO WAS DEPEND ON YOU...

...I SHOULD'VE KNOWN THIS WOULD HAPPEN...

BUT...

...RUN AWAY...?

WHY DON'T YOU EVER...

ARMIN...

BOOOM

...A TITAN ?!

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
SHIT!
!

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT TAKING ANOTHER STEP!!

BOOM BOOM

DOTO

DOTO

DOTO

IF IT MEANS KEEPING HIM OUT OF YOUR HANDS...

THOSE MARKINGS AROUND HIS EYES... THAT MEANS...

...I'LL KILL HIM.

IS HE THE BEAST TITAN?!

...YEAGER?

...EREN...

ARE YOU...

I'VE GOT BERTOLT, AT LEAST.

SLASH

EVEN IF I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE-

YOU DON'T LOOK ANYTHING LIKE YOUR FATH-ER.

YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ME.

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH.

...

WHAT ...?

THUMP

WE WERE BOTH VICTIMS OF YOUR FATHER...

HE'S BRAINWASHED YOU.

THUMP

M-MY FATH-ER ...?!

ゴゴゴ

WHAT ...?!

THERE'S NO WAY!

HE CHASED ME ALL THE WAY HERE ...?

!!

WHAT A MON-STER ...

ゴゴゴゴゴゴ

BAM

WE'RE BOTH TOO INJURED. I'LL CALL THIS A DRAW.

FINE... I GET IT, LEVI.

...!!!

...EREN.

I'M SORRY, BUT...IT LOOKS LIKE THIS IS THE END FOR YOU.

BERTOLT.

KAK KAK KAK KAK

SOMEDAY...

...I'LL COME TO SAVE YOU.

BOOM BOOM BOOM

SLIDE

!!

WHA ...?!

HE RAN AWAY ?!

GIVE ME ALL YOUR GAS AND YOUR BLADES.

I'M GOING AFTER HIM.

...RIGHT!!

HURRY!!

KA-CHIK KA-CHIK

CAP-TAIN!!

WHEEZ

WHEEZ

THAT WAS THE LAST BIT OF GAS I HAD.

KA-CHIK KA-CHIK

KOFF

SO, REINER.

WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS STEEL CASE WE FOUND INSIDE THE LEFT SIDE OF YOUR CHEST?

SUDDENLY

NGH...

SUICIDE PILLS? OR MAYBE IT'S A BOMB?

YOU USED ALL THE STRENGTH YOU HAD LEFT TO TRY TO GET TO THIS THING...BEFORE WE LOPPED OFF YOUR LIMBS.

...

...A LETT-ER.

TAP

TAP

A LETTER... FROM YMIR.

...WHAT KIND OF LETTER?

A LETT-ER?

AFTER WE EXAMINE IT FIRST.

...

PLEASE ...YOU HAVE TO...

...GIVE IT TO... KRISTA...

I HAVE A MOUNTAIN OF QUESTIONS I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU...

...BUT

SHINK

ALL RIGHT...

TASSY

...WILL YOU TELL US WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW?

I WON-DER ...

YOUR MOUTH SEEMS TO BE AS HARD AS ARMOR.

THAT MAKES THIS JOB EASIER.

...THANKS.

NOPE

GRRK...

SHOVE

...WAIT, PLEASE!

...THAT WE COULD TAKE HIS POWER FROM HIM?

ISN'T IT POSSI-BLE...

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

...WILL BECOME A TITAN.

WHOEVER RECEIVES THIS INJEC-TION...

AS WE'VE TOLD YOU SOLDIERS,

...LIKE SO MANY OF THE TITANS WHO HAVE GULPED DOWN SO MUCH OF HUMANITY.

THAT TITAN WILL BE THE KIND OF TITAN WE ALL KNOW BEST. ONE WITHOUT A SCRAP OF INTELLI-GENCE...

WE BELIEVE THAT TITANS WERE ORIGINALLY HUMANS.

WE'RE HERE TODAY TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO MAKE USE OF THIS INJECTION.

ITS CONTENTS WILL ALLOW US TO STEAL THE POWERS OF TITANS LIKE THE COLOSSUS TITAN, THE ARMORED TITAN, OR THE BEAST TITAN.

THIS IS DONE BY HAVING WHOEVER RECEIVES THIS INJECTION EAT A HUMAN CAPABLE OF TRANSFORMING INTO A TITAN.

TO BE PRECISE, THEY HAVE TO CRUNCH THROUGH THE TARGET'S SPINE AND ABSORB THEIR SPINAL FLUID.

THIS WILL ALLOW WHOEVER WAS TEMPORARILY TURNED INTO A BRAINLESS TITAN TO RETURN TO BEING HUMAN.

MAKING THEM INTO SOMEONE CAPABLE OF WIELDING THE POWER OF THE TITANS, JUST LIKE OUR PRIZED SOLDIER EREN.

I WANT EVERY SOLDIER HERE TO BE PREPARED TO TAKE ON THAT RESPONSIBILITY.

BUT IF CIRCUMSTANCES GIVE US THE CHANCE TO STEAL A TITAN'S POWER, WE WILL TAKE IT.

OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVES IN THIS MISSION HAVE NOT CHANGED: EXTERMINATE ANY INTELLIGENT TITANS, AND RETAKE WALL MARIA.

...IT WILL ALSO LET US REVIVE A HUMAN ON THE BRINK OF DEATH.

DOING SO WILL NOT ONLY ALLOW US TO GAIN THE POWER OF A TITAN ALONG WITH MORE INFORMATION...

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO CAPTURE AN ENEMY WITH THE POWER OF THE TITANS, DISMEMBER THEM, AND HAVE SECURED YOUR LOCATION...

IN OTHER WORDS, WE WILL PRIORITIZE THE CRITICALLY WOUNDED WHEN DECIDING WHO SHOULD RECEIVE THE INJECTION.

...SUMMON CAPTAIN LEVI.

I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR ABOUT THIS.

THIS IS THE ONLY INJECTION WE HAVE.

I'M ENTRUSTING CAPTAIN LEVI WITH THIS INJECTION.

KOFF

I DON'T THINK THE CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN MET.

THERE'S JUST NO WAY TO GAUGE HOW MUCH STRENGTH THESE GUYS HAVE LEFT IN THEM.

AND I DON'T THINK WE HAVE THE TIME TO CHECK ON THEM.

WE DON'T KNOW WHERE LEVI OR ANY OF THE OTHERS ARE.

I COULD SEND HIS HEAD FLYING AND I STILL WOULDN'T LET MY GUARD DOWN.

GRRK

THAT'S... NOT LIKE YOU.

TAP

HOW CAN WE EVER EXPECT TO DEFEAT THE TITANS?

IF YOU'RE CONTENT WITH LEAVING THINGS UNKNOWN...

JEAN...

TAP

WHEN WILL WE EVER KNOW ENOUGH...

...TO FACE OUR ENE-MIES?

...MIKASA.

HOW MUCH GAS DO YOU HAVE LEFT?

YES?

...

HARDLY ANY...

I HAVE ENOUGH TO REACH EREN AND ARMIN.

BUT ...

THAT'S MORE THAN ME...

...

REPLENISH YOUR GAS WHILE YOU'RE THERE, AND GET THE INJECTION FROM LEVI.

GO CHECK ON EREN AND THE OTHERS IMMEDIATELY.

IF YOU CAN'T DO THAT FOR WHATEVER REASON, FIRE A FLARE.

MIKASA.

UNDER-STOOD.

THAT WILL BE MY SIGNAL TO END REINER.

GUHA...!

...HANGE.

WHOOSH

THE QUES-TION IS, WHO?

WHY...? AT THE LAST MOMENT, WHY WOULD I...

YOU ONLY PROVID-ED ME DATA.

THIS WAS MY DECI-SION.

I...

OR...

...IS THERE A BETTER CANDID-ATE...?

THERE'S SASHA, WHO'S INJURED, BUT NOT CRITICAL-LY.

WHO ARE WE TURNING INTO A TITAN?

HUH?

C'MON, ARMIN !!

YES !!

HE'S BREATH-ING AGAIN !!

WHEEESH

WHEEESH

?!

ARMIN?

THPOB

TAKE A DEEP BREATH! AGAIN !!

WHEESH

WHEESH

YOU CAN DO IT!!

KA-CHK

KA-CHK

KA-CHK

HURRY, GIVE ME THE INJEC-TION!

CAP-TAIN!

...AND HAVE HIM EAT BERTOLT !!

WE NEED TO TURN ARMIN INTO A TITAN...

GH

HA

QUICK, GIVE ME THE INJEC-TION!!

KA-CHIK

...

AH-

KYU

ISSH

...ALL RIGHT.

...!

HANGE!!

SSCH

WHAT

THIS IS BAD!!

BAM!!

ZZSSSHHH

HE TOOK REINER !!

HANGE !!

RUMBLE

AH ...!!

...!

...!!

YOU BARELY HAVE ANY GAS LEFT.

YOU'LL JUST GET YOURSELF KILLED.

CONNIE! YOU DON'T NEED TO CHASE AFTER HIM!!

DAM-MIT !!

WHOOSH

I'VE DONE SOME-THING TERRI-BLE...

I...

IT'S MY FAULT ...

BOOM

DAMMIT !!!

LET'S JOIN UP WITH EREN.

...I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU. THIS WAS MY DECISION.

CAPTAIN...
LEVI.

I FINALLY CAUGHT UP TO YOU...

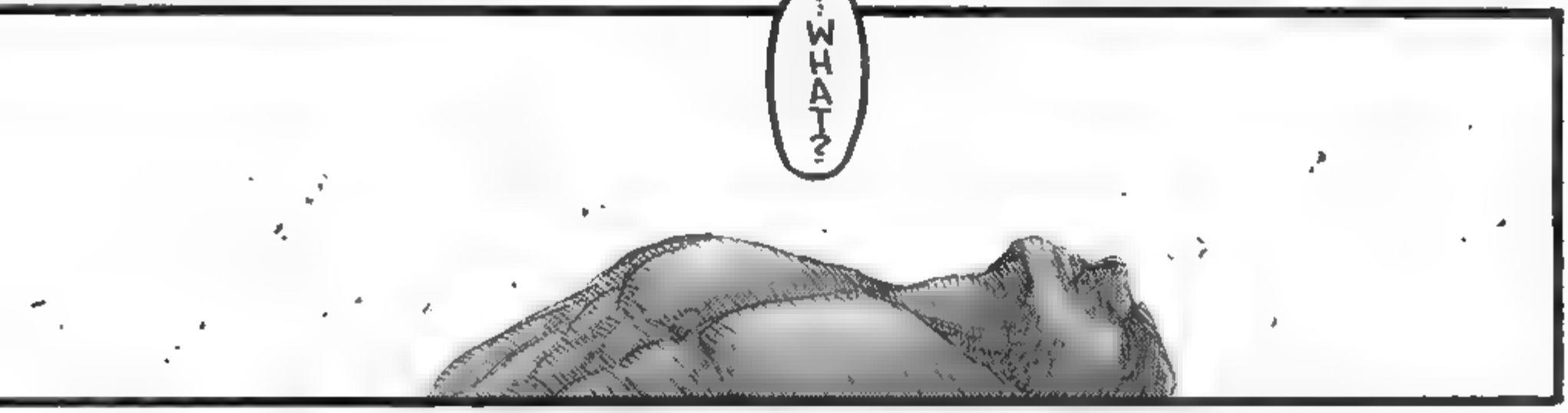
KLUNK

HE WAS HIT IN THE BELLY... HIS ORGANS ARE SPILLING OUT... HE WON'T STOP BLEEDING...

COMMANDER ERWIN IS DYING.

...WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I THOUGHT THAT INJECTION MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP...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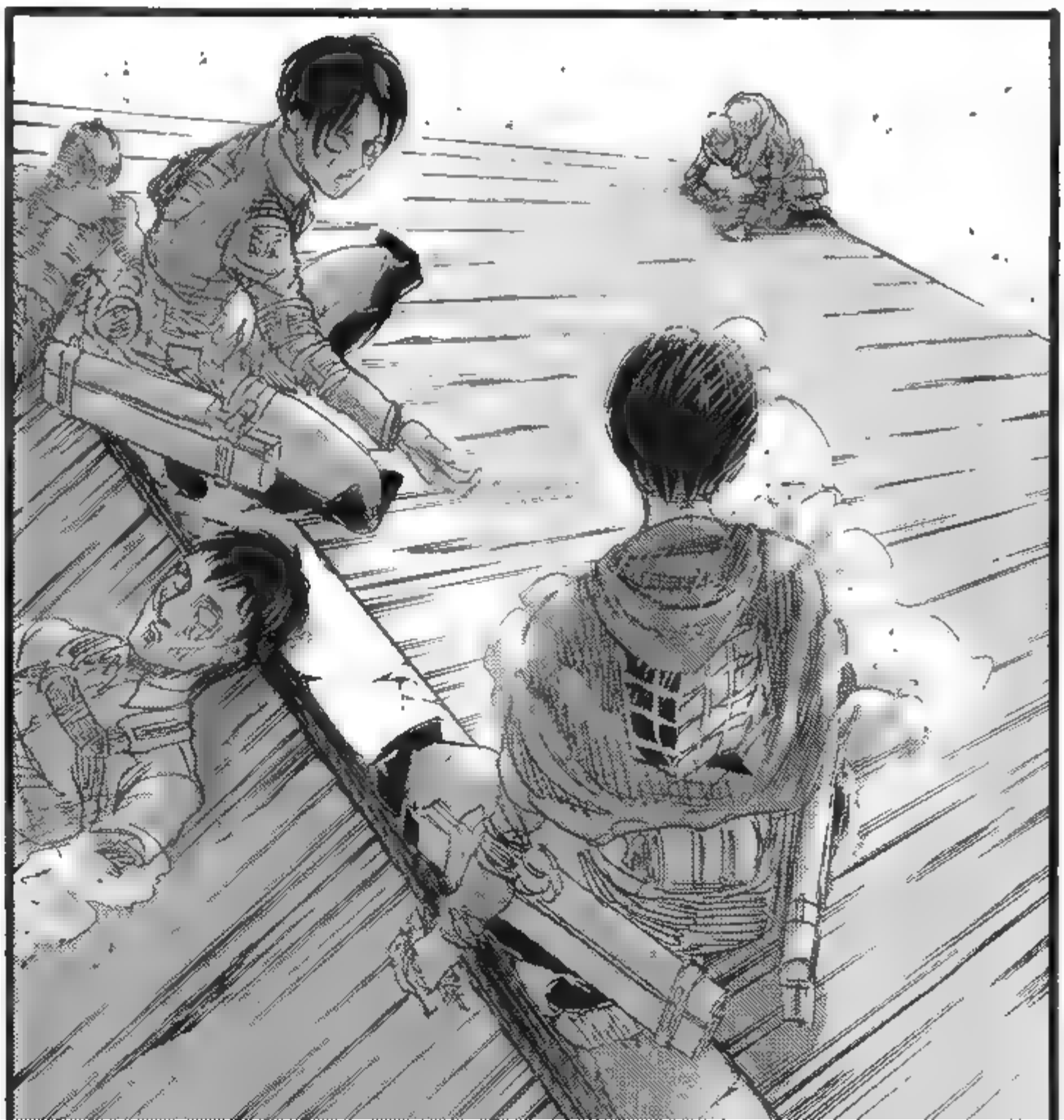

CAP-
TAIN
?

...HE'S
STILL
BREATH-
ING.

THUD

HE'S STILL... ALIVE.

TH-THUMP

TH-THUMP

TH-THUMP

WE'RE GIVING THIS INJECTION TO ERWIN.

BAM

I'M CHOOSING TO KEEP ALIVE THE MAN WHO WILL SAVE HUMANITY.

YOU JUST SAID YOU'D USE IT ON ARMIN...

!!

WHA ?!

HUH ...?!

WHEEZE

WHEEZE

WHEEZE

WHEEZE

REINER

YOU'RE INCREDIBLY LUCKY, YOU KNOW THAT?

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DO YOU TWO...

...HAVE ANY IDEA...

... WHAT YOU'RE DOING ?

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ERWIN SMITH.

THE COMMAND-ER OF THE SURVEY CORPS.

YOU'RE TELLING ME TO SIT HERE AND LET HIM DIE?

HNGG

HNGG

GET OUT OF MY WAY.

THERE'S NO TIME.

GSSHT

EREN...

LOOK PAST YOUR OWN FEEL-INGS.

GRRR

WHEEZE

WHEEZE

WHY DID **YOU** HESITATE BEFORE HANDING OVER THE INJECTION?

MY FEEL-INGS ?!

...THAT ERWIN WAS ALIVE.

...I WAS CONSIDER-ING THE POSSIBILI-TY...

...THAT FLOCH WOULD BRING THE DYING COMMANDER HERE.

I DON'T SEE HOW YOU COULD EVER HAVE PREDICTED...

WE'RE USING IT ON HIM.

BUT NOW THAT ERWIN IS HERE,

YOU'RE RIGHT.

TUG

BA-KRAK

BOOM

HEY !!

NKH-

SHUDDER

SHUDDER

SHUDDER

I COULD TAKE IT FROM HIM BY FORCE

...RRGH!!

GRR!

...HE'S... GETTING WEAK?!

HUMANITY CAN NEVER DEFEAT THE TITANS WITHOUT ERWIN'S STRENGTH.

YOU MUST KNOW IT TOO.

ERK...

YOU NEED TO STOP ACTING CRAZY...

...HE'S RIGHT, MIKASA ...

...WE CAN'T ...

WITHOUT ARMIN...

...WITH...

...ALWAYS BEEN TRUE...?

HASN'T THAT

WE CAN'T WIN...

IF WE DON'T HAVE ARMIN...

GRRR

EREN!!

...AND CAME UP WITH THE PLAN TO ADVANCE THROUGH TITAN TERRITORY DURING THE NIGHT... ALL THANKS TO ARMIN.

WE FIGURED OUT ANNIE'S TRUE IDENTITY...

WE USED THAT BOULDER TO BLOCK TROST DISTRICT AND SAVE IT...

AND HE'S THE ONLY REASON WE DEFEATED BERTOLT... IT WAS ALL BECAUSE OF ARMIN!

ARMIN EXPOSED REINER WHEN HE WAS TRYING TO STAY HIDDEN...

IT'S ARMIN !!

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MIKASA ?!

IT'S NOT ME OR THE COMMANDER WHO'S GOING TO SAVE HUMANITY !!

GH ...!!

PLEASE. GIVE IT TO ME.

GRAB

GRAB

GRAB

BE QUIET.

WH ...!

YOU THINK I'M GOING TO STAY QUIET ...?

...IS COMM-ANDER ERWIN!!

THE ONE WHO'LL SAVE HUMAN-ITY...

...BUT THERE ISN'T A SINGLE LIVING SOLDIER LEFT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT WALL...

YOU DON'T KNOW IT YET...

YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES SUFFERING HERE.

THEY WERE ALL... SMASHED TO A PULP.

HE THREW CRUSHED ROCKS **THROUGH** THEM.

...KILLED THEM ALL.

THE BEAST TITAN ...

...AND CAR-RIED IT OUT.

HE FIGURED OUT A PLAN THAT WOULD LET HIM GET HIS TEETH INTO THAT MONSTER'S NECK...

BUT COMMAND-ER ERWIN WAS THE ONE EXCEP-TION.

EVERY ONE OF US THOUGHT WE WERE GONERS ...

ALL SO THAT CAPTAIN LEVI COULD AMBUSH THE BEAST.

HE USED THE LIVES OF EVERY ONE OF US RECRUITS AS BAIT.

NONE OF THEM DIED THINKING HOW NOBLE THEIR SACRIFICES WOULD BE...

MARLOWE...

SANDRA.

GORDON.

SO, ACCORDING TO PLAN, WE ALL ENDED UP IN PIECES.

...WAS ...FEAR.

I'M SURE ALL THEY FELT, AT THE END...

...WHEN I FOUND COMMANDER ERWIN STILL BREATH-ING...

I WAS GOING TO PUT HIM OUT OF HIS MISERY...

PERHAPS HE DID NEED TO SPEND MORE TIME IN THIS HELL...

I DECIDED I WAS TREATING HIM TOO GENTLY.

BUT THEN ...

WHEN I REAL-IZED.

...AND THAT'S ...

THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DESTROY ALL THE TITANS ...

...IS THE DEVIL HIMSELF !

AND MY MISSION...

...IS TO BRING THE DEVIL BACK TO LIFE!!

THAT'S WHY, WHEN ALL THE OTHERS DIED BRAVELY...

...LIKE A COWARD, I LIVED !!

...

!!

GET OUT OF MY WAY !!

DASH

SO !!

BAM

STOP IT!!

BOOM

HANGE!!

SLIIICE

THAT'S ...

WAIT...!

NO WAY...

HOW COULD THIS...

WHOOO

MIKASA!!

WE STILL NEED ERWIN !!

THE SURVEY CORPS HAS NEARLY BEEN WIPED OUT!!

IF THE COM-MANDER DIES, TOO...!!

AAAAAAAAAAAGH

WE CAN'T ALLOW THE FLAMES OF HOPE TO BE EXTINGUISHED WITHIN THE WALLS!!

HUMANITY WILL LOSE ITS SYMBOL !!

BUT OUR BATTLE IS NOWHERE NEAR OVER YET!!

YES, ARMIN IS AN INCREDI-BLE TALENT...

BUT... ARMIN COULD DO THAT TOO.

...

GH ...

KOK

AGH !!

WE STILL NEED ERWIN'S EXPERI-ENCE AND LEADER-SHIP TO—

I HAVE PEOPLE... I WISH I COULD BRING BACK, TOO.

HUN-DREDS OF THEM ...

KOKK

EVER SINCE I JOINED THE SURVEY CORPS...

...EVERY DAY HAS BROUGHT A NEW FARE-WELL.

BUT... YOU UNDER-STAND, DON'T YOU?

EVERYONE YOU MEET WILL BE PARTED FROM YOU ONE DAY.

I KNOW IT'S DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT.

IT'S HARD TO STAY SANE, LIVING LIKE THAT.

IT'S PAIN-FUL.

SO PAIN-FUL.

I KNOW THAT.

BUT, EVEN SO...

WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD...

GRIEF

...CAP-
TAIN.

...OF
...THE
OCEAN
?

HAVE
YOU
HEARD
...

...THAT STRETCH-ES FAR BEYOND THE HORIZON.

IT'S... LIKE A GIGANTIC LAKE...

THAT'S WHAT ARMIN SAID.

IT'S ALL MADE OUT OF SALT WATER...

NOT ONLY THAT... APPAR-ENTLY...

...THE OCEAN, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALLS...

HE SAID SOMEDAY WE'D GO AND SEE...

GRAAAG

GRAB

STOP IT AL-READY !

HEY !

I'D FORGOTTEN IT A LONG TIME AGO...

BUT THAT...WAS A DREAM WE HAD AS LITTLE KIDS.

WIPING OUT THE TITANS...

REVENGE FOR MY MOM...

ALL I HAD LEFT INSIDE ME WAS HATE...

HE HAS DREAMS !!

FIGHTING ISN'T ALL HE HAS.

BUT ARMIN'S DIFFER-ENT.

ERWIN WILL TURN INTO A TITAN AND EAT BERTOLT!

TROOPS, CLEAR THE AREA!

DAMMIT...

DAMMIT...

LET'S GO, MIKASA.

SEE YA...

ARMIN...

AAGH...

WHOOSH

SALT WATER THAT STRETCHES ALL THE WAY TO THE HORIZON!

THERE ARE EVEN SPECIES OF FISH YOU CAN ONLY FIND THERE!

YOU STILL DON'T BELIEVE ME, DO YOU?!

I SWEAR IT'S THERE! JUST YOU WAIT!

OH, FINE.

ZZSSSHH

...COMES TRUE?

WHAT HAPPENS IF THAT DREAM OF YOURS...

...WELL.

I DON'T KNOW

AND I WON'T UNTIL IT DOES.

I JUST ...

...TO THAT BASEMENT...

...WANT TO GO...

FOOLS, ALL OF THEM...

...THE WAY THEY SCREAM AND FLAIL.

LIKE LITTLE KIDS...

THEY COULDN'T KEEP GOING..

...UNLESS THEY WERE DRUNK ON SOME-THING.

THEY WERE ALL... SLAVES TO SOMETHING...

EVEN HIM...

!!

BAM

TEACHER

HOW'D Y FIND OUT THAT THEY...

DON'T EXIST?

WHEEZ

WHEEZ

...ERWIN?!

LEAD THE RECRUITS STRAIGHT INTO HELL.

GIVE UP ON YOUR DREAMS AND DIE FOR US.

...THE BEAST TITAN.

I'LL TAKE OUT...

LEVI...

...THANK YOU.

KAK

KAK

KAK

KAK

AAAA

!!

SAVE MEEEEE !!

HEY! ALL OF YOU!!

AH...

CA-HAAK

GKI

ANNIE !!

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHH

REINERR!!

KICK

KICK

KICK

CAP-
TAIN
...

BUT...
WHY?

CAN'T
WE
JUST
...

...LET
HIM
GO?

HIS ONLY CHOICE WAS TO BECOME THE DEVIL.

AND HE DID IT BECAUSE WE ASKED IT OF HIM.

...BUT WE WERE GOING TO CALL HIM RIGHT BACK INTO IT.

HE WAS FINALLY ABOUT TO BE FREE FROM THIS HELL...

LIKE YOU WERE.

I THINK IT'S TIME...

...FOR US TO LET HIM REST.

LUP BOOM

...HE'S ALREADY DEAD.

BUT IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO WAIT.

I KNOW I SAID I'D TAKE THE BEAST TITAN DOWN...

ERWIN...

..I SEE.

BOOOM

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ARMIN!

GET DOWN!!

GRRRRRR

...

HURTS...

IT HURTS ...

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BERTOLT?

Who Hoots?

...

AGH
...

..?!

SASHA?!

UUGH...

IT HURTS ...

!

EREN ...

WHAT'S I

...THESE ARE SERI-OUS INJU-RIES !!

HOW DID YOU...

GRASP

HUH ?

WEL-COME... BACK.

CAP-TAIN.

WHOOSH

SO HE'S UP.

HUH ?

...

I DON'T REMEMBER ANY OF THIS HAPPENING.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

DOUBT YOU WOULD.

PUSH

PSSHH

EREN.

TELL HIM. AND DON'T HOLD ANYTHING BACK.

WHOOSH

UNDER-STAND, ARMIN?

SO?

YOU'RE TELLING ME... THE SURVEY CORPS IS NOW... JUST THE NINE OF US HERE?

SO...

UMM...

WE SPENT IT ALL LOOKING FOR SURVIVORS, BUT FOUND NONE.

IT'S BEEN FOUR HOURS SINCE THE BATTLE ENDED...

...FOR NOW, YES.

YOU ASSUME REINER, THE BEAST TITAN, AND ONE OTHER HAVE FLED.

SO, THE GATE TO SHIGANSHINA IS SEALED.

...AFTER A DISAGREEMENT ABOUT... WHO SHOULD RECEIVE THE INJECTION...

WHEN... BOTH COMMANDER ERWIN AND I WERE ON THE BRINK OF DEATH...

...YOU SUCCESS-FULLY CAPTURED BERTOLT.

I... TURNED INTO A TITAN...

...AND **ATE** BERTOLT...

GLUG GLUG GLUG

GULP

WHY...

...DID YOU CHOOSE **ME?**

PHEW

...AND DECIDE TO BRING COMMANDER ERWIN BACK TO LIFE?!

WOULDN'T ANYONE LOOK AT THE SITUA-TION...

I SAID TO TELL HIM EVERY-THING.

TCH.

CAP-TAIN! !!

WHY DID YOU GIVE THE INJEC-TION TO ME?!

THEY ACTUALLY WENT AFTER ME WITH THEIR BLADES.

...YOUR TWO FRIENDS DIDN'T SEE THINGS THAT WAY.

YOU SHOULD KNOW ...

YOUR INSUBOR-DINATION WILL OF COURSE BE PUN-ISHED.

BUT THIS GOES FAR BEYOND MILITARY DISCI-PLINE.

WE'LL ACCEPT ANY PUNISH-MENT YOU GIVE US.

HUH ?

...

THAT SAID ...

...OF COU-RSE.

NO... I CHOSE THIS PLACE AND TIME, FOR ERWIN'S DEATH.

IN THE END, IT WAS I WHO CHOSE YOU.

THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD LET THE COMMANDER DIE.

...BUT I DON'T UNDER-STAND.

...

WHAT DO WE DO NOW ...?

WE...

IF COMMAND-ER ERWIN IS GONE, THEN...

...WE SHOULD HAVE GIVEN THE INJECTION TO ERWIN.

I ALSO THINK ...

THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO SAY.

AND LEVI CHOSE YOU.

BUT ERWIN HIMSELF ENTRUSTED THAT DECISION TO LEVI.

...AND THE POWER OF THE TITANS.

...THE WEIGHT OF ERWIN SMITH'S LIFE...

EXCEPT THAT ON YOUR SHOULDERS NOW REST...

ARMIN.

THAT IS WHY YOU LIVE NOW, NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE ELSE SAYS.

AND WE'LL BE EXPECTING YOU TO CONTRIBUTE EVEN MORE TO HUMANITY.

...COM-MANDER ERWIN'S REPLACE-MENT??

...SUP-POSED TO BE...

I'M ...

...I-

...

...THAT'S... ABSURD...

DON'T MIS-UNDER-STAND.

YOU COULD NEVER REPLACE ERWIN.

IT IS TRUE THAT YOU HAVE A POWER THAT NO HUMAN HAS.

BUT ...

DON'T LET US REGRET THIS.

GOT THAT ?

NOT ANY-ONE.

NOT THEM.

NOT ME.

TUG

GRASP

MAKE REGRETS IMPOSSI-BLE.

THAT IS YOUR MISSION.

NOT EVEN YOURSELF.

UUGH...

KEEP IT DOWN!

HMM...

WE'RE NO MATCH FOR SASHA.

HA HA HA...

THAT JUST MEANS THE BOTH OF US...

...NEED TO PREPARE FOR WHATEVER COMES NEXT.

AS ERWIN'S SUCCESSOR AS COMMANDER OF THE SURVEY CORPS...

I GUESS WE'RE IN THE SAME BOAT.

OKAY.

...

I SAY WE GET GOING.

IF YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, ARMIN...

NOW, THEN...

THE OTHER FOUR OF YOU, KEEP WATCH FROM THE FOUR SIDES OF THE SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT WALL.

EREN, MIKASA, LEVI, AND I WILL COMPLETE THE SURVEY.

EREN.

YOU HAVEN'T LOST THE KEY, HAVE YOU?

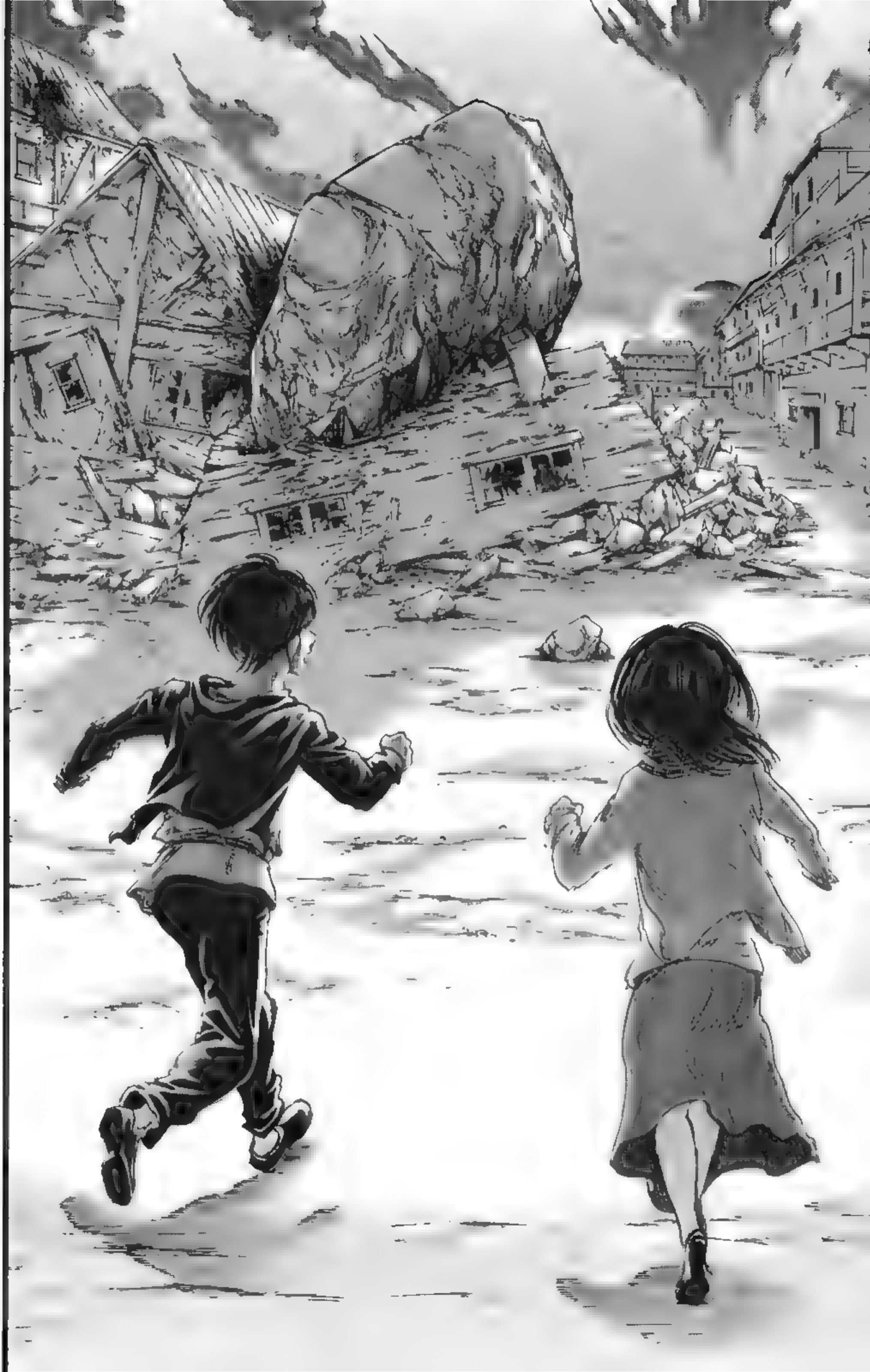
SQUEEZE

IT'S RIGHT HERE.

NO.

SO THE FIRE DIDN'T SPREAD THIS FAR, FORTU-NATELY

...IS IT THIS ONE ?



YES.

GRRR

WHY CAN'T I GO DOWN INTO THE BASE-MENT?!

BECAUSE YOUR FATHER'S VERY IMPORTANT WORK TOOLS ARE DOWN THERE.

KRAK

KRAK

HEY, DAD?

KRAK

WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO SHOW ME THE BASE-MENT?

I DON'T KNOW...

MAYBE WHEN YOU REALIZE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING OF ALL.

...WHAT'S THAT MEAN?

GA-CHIK

GOOD...

WATEEEEEEAK

LOOKS LIKE IT DIDN'T FLOOD.

WHAP

LET'S GO.

EREN.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO OUTSIDE?

I HATE THE IDEA OF SPENDING MY WHOLE LIFE...

...INSIDE THE WALL, IGNORANT OF WHAT'S GOING ON OUTSIDE!!

TALK SOME SENSE INTO YOUR SON!!

WAIT HONEY!

CARLA...

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT ANYONE SAYS

THERE'S NO HOLDING BACK AN INQUISITIVE MIND.

...EREN.

WHEN I GET HOME ...

I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT'S IN THE BASE-MENT...

...THAT I'VE BEEN KEEP-ING SECRET ALL THIS TIME.

OPEN IT.

KA-CHIK

AH!!

?

HURRY UP

EREN ?

WHAT'S WRONG ?

...

...THIS-

...ISN'T THE KEY TO THIS DOOR...

THIS KEY ...

...

...TO DOC-TOR YEAG-ER.

BUT ...

I KNOW THAT KEY BE LONG-ED...

HUH ?

I'LL OPEN IT.

MOVE.

STAY CALM.

HUH?! HEY!!

KRRR

AND THESE ARE JUST MEDICAL BOOKS.

HMM...IF THESE LABELS ARE ACCURATE, THESE ARE JUST WIDELY-AVAILABLE MEDICATIONS.

IT'S ALMOST AS IF THE ROOM IS TELLING US...

AT FIRST GLANCE, THIS LOOKS LIKE A TYPICAL DOCTOR'S LABORATORY...

...

...HEY. DON'T JUST STAND THERE, YOU BRATS.

ERWIN'S INSTINCTS WOULD NEVER BE THAT OFF THE MARK.

WELL, I DOUBT HE WOULD'VE LEFT ANYTH'NG FORBIDDEN JUST LAYING AROUND FOR THE INTERIOR MPS TO FIND.

"THERE'S NOTHING SUSPICIOUS HERE."

YES. SIR.

!

...EREN.

THERE'S

...A KEY-HOLE HERE.

SLIDE

KA-CHIK

IT'S OPEN ..

...

LOOK CLOSER

IT'S EMPTY ?!

IT'S A FALSE BOTTOM.

THUNK

SMMMMT

THESE MUST BE WHAT WE WERE LOOKING FOR.

THREE BOOKS...

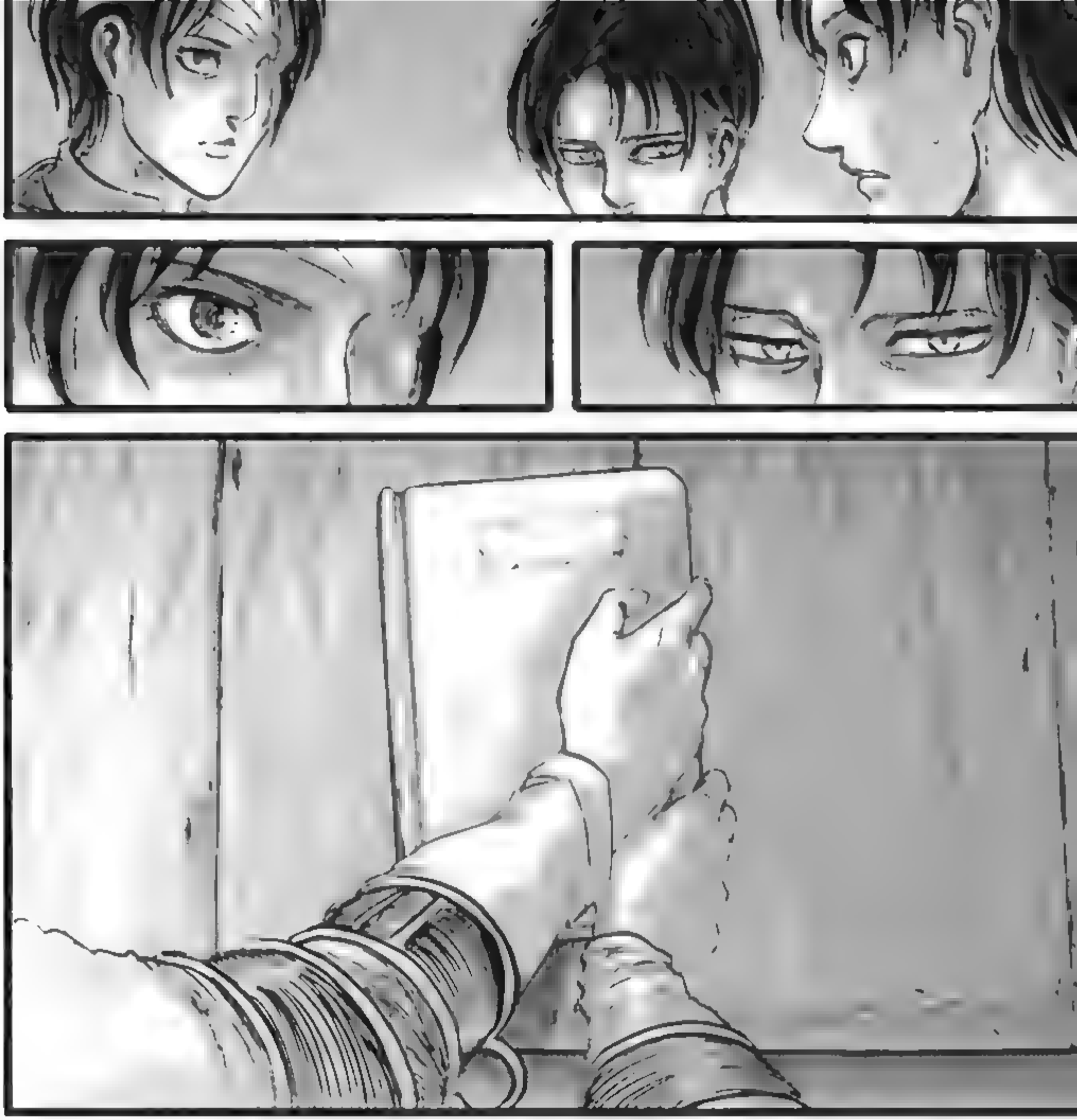
THEY'VE BEEN TREATED TO KEEP MOIS-TURE AND BUGS AWAY.

THIS SMELLS LIKE PEPPER-MINT OIL AND CHAR-COAL.

...FATHER...

WHAT COULD MY...

...HAVE WANTED TO SHOW ME?



AND THAT'S WHEN ERWIN ASKED THE QUESTION.

"HOW DO WE **KNOW...**"

"...THAT THERE AREN'T ANY HUMANS OUTSIDE THE WALLS?"

HE SAID

...WE COULDN'T BE SURE THAT TITANS HAD REALLY WIPED OUT THE REST OF HUMANITY.

HE MEANT THAT, SO LONG AS WE COULDN'T TRAVEL FREELY OUTSIDE THE WALLS...

IF THE TEXTBOOK WAS SUPPOSED TO BE OBJECTIVE, THEN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN CORRECT TO SAY THAT "THE REST OF HUMANITY *IS THOUGHT* TO HAVE BEEN EATEN."

YET THE HISTORY TEXTBOOK SAID THAT THEY HAD, LIKE IT WAS A FACT.

...AN INTENT TO MAKE PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THERE WERE NO HUMANS OUTSIDE THE WALLS.

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU COULD READ A SUBJECTIVE INTENT FROM THAT STATEMENT.

...AND THE LIKELIEST CULPRIT WAS THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH PUBLISHED THE BOOK.

BUT...

LOOK AT US NOW.

"YOU'RE OVERTHINKING THINGS." "YOU'RE JUST BEING STUBBORN."

I MADE FUN OF HIM.

WHEN I HEARD HIM SAY ALL THAT...

!

THUD THUD THUD THUD

JUST THE RIGHT TIME FOR A HERO'S RETURN...

IT'S NEARLY DAWN...

I THINK YOUR ONLY OPTION IS TO APOLOGIZE TO HIM DIRECTLY.

...HAS JUST ARRIVED !!

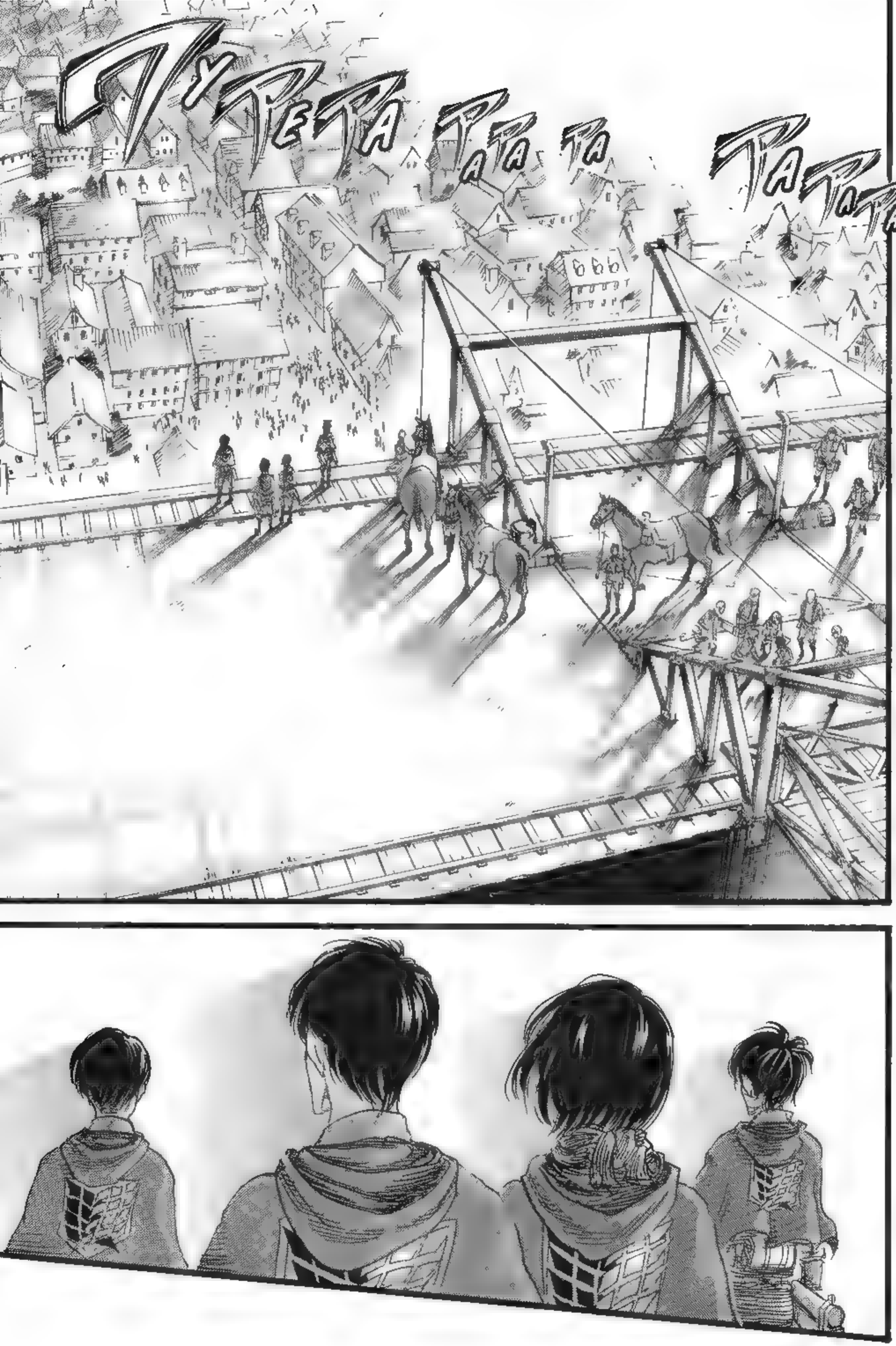
BAM

THE SURVEY CORPS...

THEY SUC-CEEDED !!

YE AAAAAAAA

WALL MARIA HAS BEEN RE-TAKEN !!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IT'S FAR TOO PERFECT FOR ANY HUMAN TO HAVE DRAWN IT...

NO ...

A POR-TRAIT ?

IS THIS ...

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE IMAGE WAS A MESSAGE WRITTEN IN MY FATHER'S HANDWRITING.

"THIS IS NOT AN ILLUS-TRA-TION."

"I CAME FROM BEYOND THE WALLS, WHERE HUMANITY ENJOYS A REFINED EXISTENCE."

"IT IS AN IMPRINT OF REFLECTED LIGHT, LEFT ON A SPECIAL KIND OF PAPER. IT IS CALLED A PHOTOGRAPH."

"HUMANITY **HAS NOT PERISHED.**"

ATTACK
ON TITAN

I PRAY THAT WHOEVER FIRST FINDS THIS BOOK IS A FELLOW PATRIOT.

HURRY, FAYE.

SLOW DOWN, GRISHA!

GA-CHAK

CALM DOWN, YOU TWO.

WE'LL BE TOO LATE TO SEE IT IF WE DON'T HURRY.

...GRISHA.

YOU MUST ABSOLUTELY NOT GO PAST THE WALLS. OKAY?

HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU TO ALWAYS HAVE YOUR ARMBANDS ON WHEN YOU GO OUTSIDE?

Episode 86: That Day

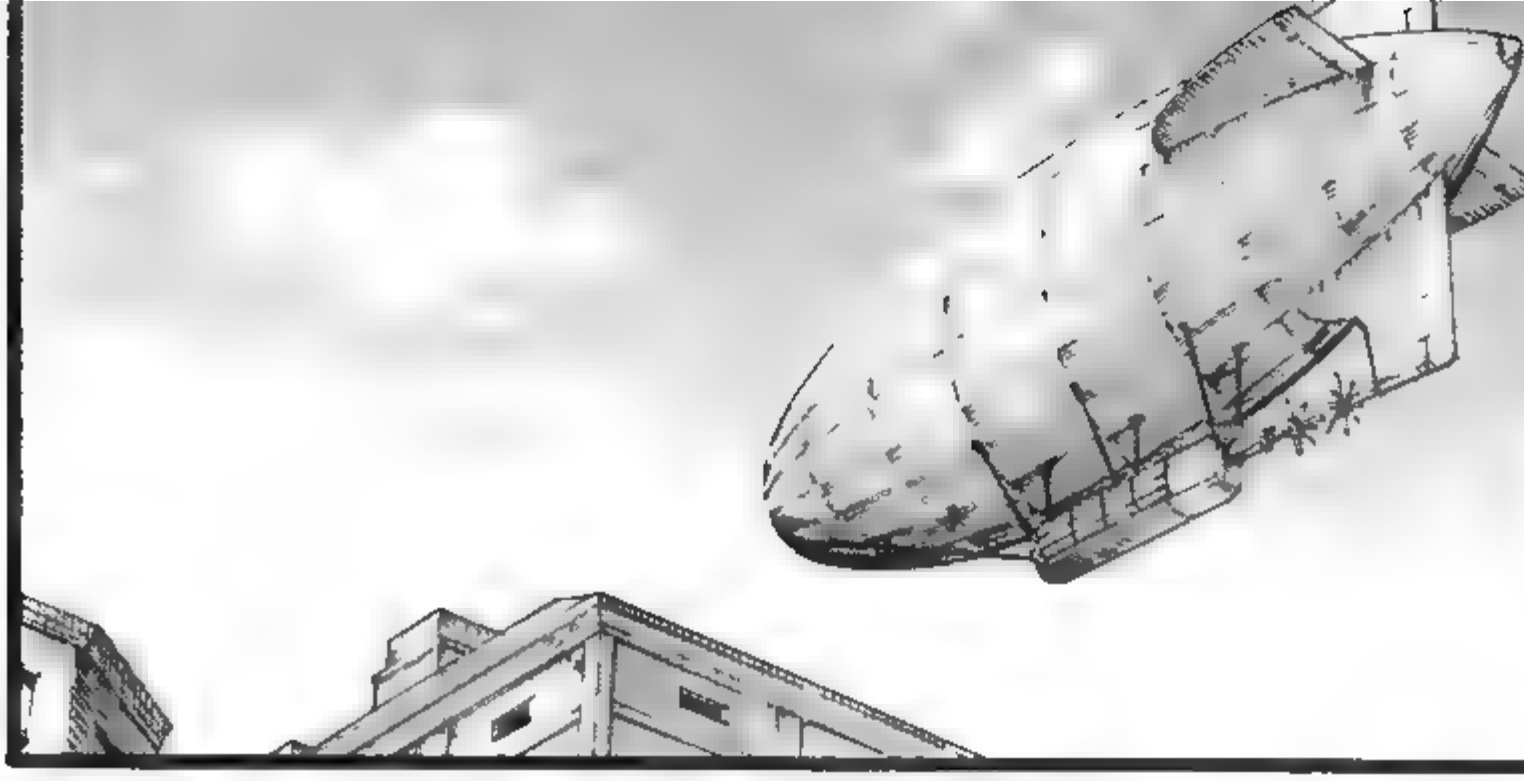
THE DAY IN MY YOUTH WHEN I WAS FORCED TO FACE THE TRUTH OF THIS WORLD.

BYE, MOM!

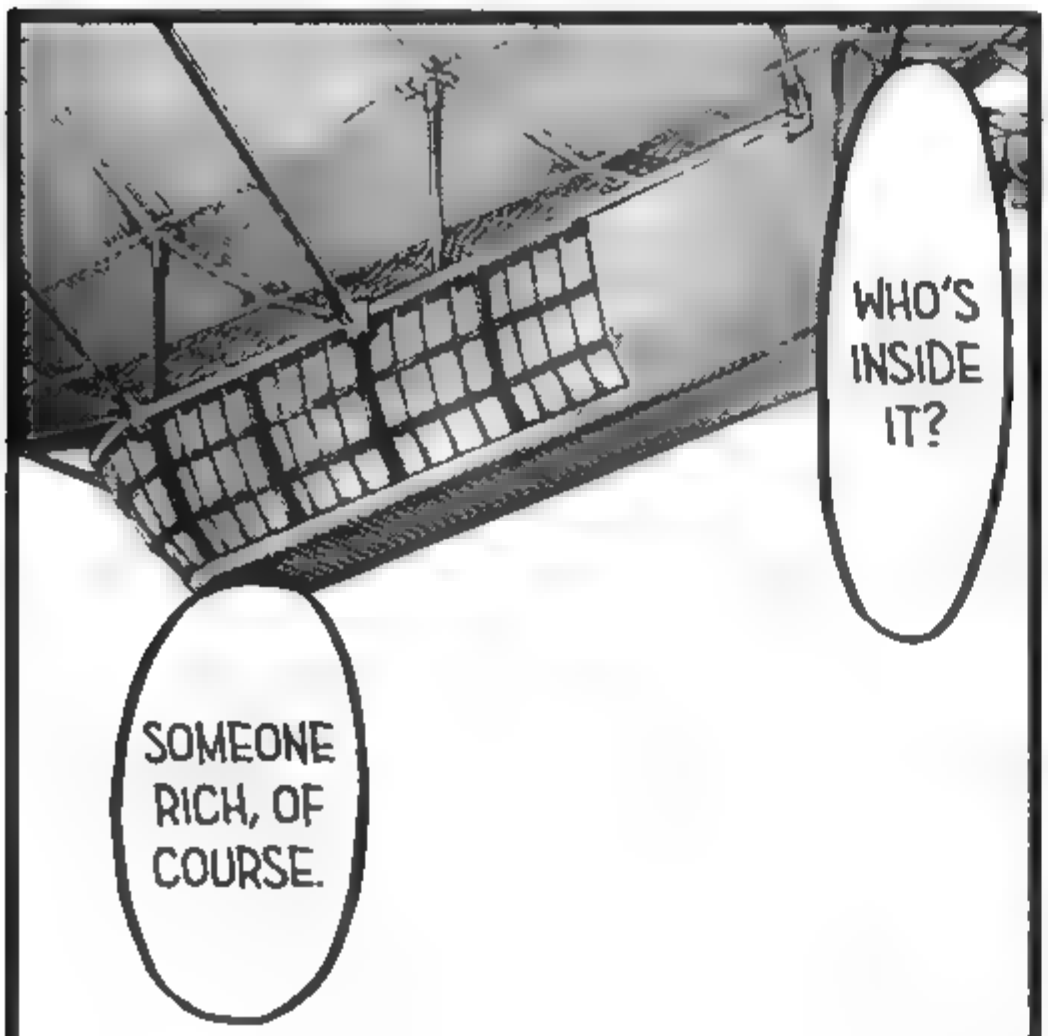
I KNOW, MOM.

...THAT DAY CAME UN-BIDDEN INTO MY MIND.

AS I CONSIDERED WHERE I OUGHT TO BEGIN...



BE CAREFUL, GRISHA! LOOK WHERE YOU'RE WALKING!
SORRY.
WOW...
HOW DO THOSE THINGS FLY?


WHO'S INSIDE IT?
SOMEONE RICH, OF COURSE.

I HEARD THEY USE BATTERIES TO POWER THE PROPELLER.
IT'S FULL OF HYDRO-GEN. THAT'S HOW IT FLOATS.
HUH!

OH... THERE IT GOES.

HEEEY!

I HOPE I GET RICH SOMEDAY SO I CAN RIDE IN AN AIRSHIP.

WOW.

I JUST WISH ...

BUT...

I WONDER WHAT YOU CAN SEE FROM UP THERE ...?

...YEAH

...WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THERE'S NO WAY ANY OF US COULD EVER BECOME RICH.

HUH ?
GRAB
LET'S GO, FAYE.

AWW, IT'S GONE ...

HUH?!

BUT MOM SAID WE COULDN'T GO PAST THE WALLS...

MY TEACHER SAID THE AIRSHIPS TAKE OFF AND LAND FROM A PLACE NEAR HERE.

LET'S GO SEE IT!

HM?

THOK THOK

IT'LL JUST BE FOR A MINUTE!

IT'S FINE.

WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

HEY! WAIT, YOU TWO !!

HBRBRBRMMM

WHAT ARE THEY DOING CRAWLING AROUND HERE?

A COUPLE OF DEVIL-BLOODED BRATS!

MOVE, YOU VERMIN.

AGH!

...GRISHA.

IT'S OKAY... THAT ALWAYS HAPPENS, RIGHT ?

LOOK!

IT'S RIGHT THERE, JUST ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE EMBANK-MENT!

IT'S SO BIG!

!!

Y... YES...

!

COME TO SEE THE AIRSHIP, TOO?

YOU'RE FROM THE LIBERIO INTERN-MENT ZONE, AREN'T YOU?

SHOW ME YOUR EXIT PERMITS.

...

I DON'T HAVE ONE.

ZAKK

ERR...

UH ...

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

... PUN-ISH-MENT ...

...

WHICH'LL IT BE? LABOR OR PUNISH-MENT?

NO, SIR.

HEH... DON'T WANNA WORRY YOUR PARENTS?

GRI-SHA ...?!

ALL RIGHT.

PLEASE, PUNISH ME IN HER PLACE, TOO!

I FORCED MY SISTER TO COME OUT HERE WITH ME.

YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS FOR YOU, RIGHT?

... YES.

SO YOU ENTERED THE CITY WITHOUT AUTHORI-ZATION?

... YES.

GRISHA!!

THK

C'MON, LITTLE GIRL. LET'S GET YOU HOME FIRST.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! YOU'RE MERCILESS, KRUEGER.

UUGH...

ONE MORE.

THUK

I'M...

GOING BACK...

WAIT.

ANY ELDIAN THAT TAKES THEIRS OFF OUT HERE GETS SENT STRAIGHT TO YOUR **HEAVEN**. EVEN KIDS LIKE YOU.

IT WAS SMART OF YOU TO KEEP YOUR ARMBANDS ON.

YOU'RE HERE. MIGHT AS WELL SEE IT.

YOU CAME TO SEE THE AIRSHIP, DIDN'T YOU?

WHEN I GOT HOME, MY LITTLE SISTER WASN'T THERE.

SHE WAS FOUND IN THE RIVER THE NEXT DAY.

I HAD WORK TO DO.

AS I'VE TOLD YOU OVER AND OVER AGAIN, I TOOK HER TO THE BORDER OF LIBERIO, AND NO FARTHER.

AND IT WAS HER FAULT TO BEGIN WITH. AN ELDIAN CHILD SHOULDN'T BE WANDERING AROUND TOWN WITHOUT PERMISSION.

IT SEEMS THAT YOUR SON DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE OF HIS BLOODLINE...

YOU'VE BEEN TEACHING HIM ABOUT THE ILLS COMMITTED BY YOUR ANCESTORS, HAVEN'T YOU?

IF THAT'S NOT ENOUGH, THEN THROW A COLLAR ON HIM.

I KNEW THAT THIS MAN FROM THE MARLEY PUBLIC SECURITY AUTHORITIES WAS LYING.

HE'D BEEN SKIPPING OUT ON HIS JOB AND SLEEPING BY THE RIVERSIDE.

HE CAN'T HAVE BEEN THAT BUSY.

MY MOTHER WAS OVER-WHELMED WITH SORROW...

WHILE MY FATH-ER...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GUIDANCE.

REST ASSURED, I WILL BE SURE TO TEACH MY FOOLISH SON THOSE LESSONS ONCE AGAIN.

...DE-MEANED HIMSELF IN FRONT OF THESE MEN.

...AND I BEGAN TO HATE THEM, SO MUCH THAT IT MADE ME DIZZY.

...AND THIS MAN...

...MY FATH-ER...

I LOOK-ED AT...

...I CURSED MY OWN FOOLISHNESS.

BUT EVEN MORE THAN THAT ...

...MADE A CONTRACT WITH THE EARTH DEVIL IN EXCHANGE FOR POWER.

1,820 YEARS AGO, OUR ANCESTOR, YMIR FRITZ...

THE POWER OF THE TITANS.

ELDIA WAS A GREAT AND ANCIENT NATION THAT DESTROYED MARLEY AND CAME TO RULE OUR CONTINENT.

AFTER HER DEATH, YMIR'S SOUL WAS SPLIT INTO NINE TITANS, WHO BUILT THE EMPIRE OF ELDIA.

THE SUBJECTS OF YMIR, WHO HAD GAINED THE POWER TO TURN INTO TITANS, DESIGNATED ALL OTHER PEOPLES AND RACES AS INFERIOR AND BEGAN TO OPPRESS THEM.

THAT IS WHEN THE DARK AGES BEGAN.

THIS ETHNIC CLEANSING LASTED FOR AROUND 1,700 YEARS.

ELDIANS FORCED OTHER PEOPLES TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN, SO THAT YMIR WOULD HAVE MORE SUBJECTS.

THEY STOLE AWAY THEIR LAND AND POSSESSIONS, WIPING MANY BLOODLINES OUT ENTIRELY.

NOT ONLY THAT, THEY BROUGHT SEVEN OF THE NINE TITANS UNDER THEIR CONTROL, AND WERE VICTORIOUS IN THE GREAT TITAN WAR EIGHTY YEARS AGO.

ELDIA'S ARROGANCE GREW TO KNOW NO LIMITS, BUT THE PEOPLE OF THE ONCE-GREAT NATION OF MARLEY BEGAN TO PLOT AGAINST THEM FROM WITHIN. THEY WERE ABLE TO INCITE A CIVIL WAR, WEAKENING ELDIA.

BUT NOT ALL OF THEM. US NON-MARLEYAN ELDIANS THAT REMAINED...

THE KING ABANDONED US AND LEFT US BEHIND ON THIS CONTINENT.

KING FRITZ WAS LEFT ONLY WITH THE ISLAND OF PARADIS, WHERE HE BUILT THREE CONCENTRIC WALLS IN WHICH HE AND HIS PEOPLE TOOK REFUGE.

INSTEAD, THE TOLERANT PEOPLE OF MARLEY SHOWED US MERCY. THEY GAVE US LAND WE COULD LIVE ON.

BUT THE FACT THAT WE EXPECTED THAT ONLY SHOWS THAT WE ARE DESCENDED FROM DEVILS.

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FITTING FOR MARLEY TO ERADICATE US ALL.

...HE LOOKED JUST LIKE A DOG.

AS HE STOOD THERE, DEFENDING HIS MASTERS AND HAPPILY BELITTLING HIS ANCESTORS ...

MY FATHER WAS TALKATIVE FOR SOMEONE WHO HAD JUST LOST HIS DAUGHTER.

HE LIED BECAUSE THE TRUTH WAS INCONVE-NIENT FOR HIM.

THAT MAN WAS LYING.

SHUT UP!!

I THINK THAT MAN TOOK FAYE AND—

THE WALLS AROUND HERE ARE THIN.

DON'T SAY IT.

THAT MAN KNOWS SOME-THING.

DEVILS' BLOOD RUNS THROUGH OUR VEINS.

THEY BELIEVED IN EUGENICS AND COMMITTED GENOCIDE.

OUR ANCES-TORS WERE HEINOUS CRIMI-NALS.

... DIDN'T I TELL YOU?

ALL WE DID WAS GO FOR A WALK!!

THUD

I DIDN'T DO ANY OF THAT, AND NEITHER DID FAYE!!

ARE YOU THAT EAGER TO GET SENT TO **HEAVEN** TOGETHER WITH YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER ?

...WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?

ALL IT WOULD TAKE IS A RUMOR LIKE THAT, AND WE'D BE DONE FOR.

"THE YEAGER FAMILY DISTRUSTS AND DESPISES THE PUBLIC SECURITY AUTHORI-TIES."

...BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER TO THOSE WHO WERE VICTIMIZED FOR GENERA-TIONS.

WE MAY NOT HAVE DONE ANYTHING OUR-SELVES...

UNDER-STAND, GRISHA ?

DON'T BRING YOUR PARENTS THE SAME FATE THAT BEFELL FAYE.

PLEASE, GRISHA ...

AND LEAD SIMPLE ...

... QUIET, MOD-EST LIVES.

ALL WE CAN DO...IS STAY IN THIS INTERNMENT ZONE...

WHO WAS IN THE WRONG?

YES, SIR.

IT WAS PROBABLY BOTH.

I UNDER-STAND.

OR THIS WORLD ?

ME?

AND THE WORLD WAS UNFAIR AND INSANE.

I WAS FOOLISH AND IGNORANT..

I WAS MAKING PLANS TO TAKE OVER RUNNING MY FATHER'S CLINIC, INDIFFERENT TO IT ALL.

I DISCOVERED MY OWN PATH WHEN I WAS EIGHTEEN.

...

ALL RIGHT.

THIS IS PROOF THAT I AM A PATRIOT.

THAT CROSS-SHAPED CUT... WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

WE HAVE AN INFOR-MANT INSIDE THE MARLEY GOVERN-MENT.

HE GAVE ME THAT INFOR-MATION.

YOUR LITTLE SISTER WAS KILLED BY A MAN IN THE MARLEY AUTHORI-TIES.

...IF YOU SAY YOU'LL LEND A HAND TO THE ELDIA RESTORATION-ISTS.

I'LL TELL YOU MORE IF YOU AGREE TO HELP US.

AND I BORE A DEEP HATRED OF THE MARLEY GOVERNMENT.

I WORKED IN THE FIELD OF MEDICINE.

WHEN I LEARNED THE TRUTH OF WHAT HAPPENED TO MY LITTLE SISTER...

...I MADE A VOW TO MY-SELF.

THE UNDER-GROUND ANTI-ESTABLISHMENT GROUP KNOWN AS THE ELDIA RESTORATIONISTS TOOK NOTE OF THESE TWO POINTS AND CAME TO RECRUIT ME.

WHAT OUR ANCESTORS HAD DONE WAS **RIGHT.**

I'D TEACH THEM WHO THE TRUE DEVILS WERE.

IF WE WANTED TO SET THE WORLD RIGHT ONCE MORE.

...WE HAD TO BRING ELDIA BACK TO POWER.

THE OWL SUPPLIED US WITH WEAPONS AND FUNDS, AND GAVE US HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS THAT ELDIANS IN THOSE DAYS HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT.

THE INFORMANT LED THE RESTORATIONISTS FROM THE SHADOWS. WE KNEW HIM ONLY AS "THE OWL."

...BUILT THE ROADS ...

...CULTIVATED THE WASTES ...

OUR ANCESTOR YMIR AWAKENED THE POWER OF THE TITANS...

...AND ERECTED BRIDGES TO SPAN THE MOUNTAINS.

LOOK!

THIS IS THE TRUTH!

SHE ENRICHED THE PEOPLE AND DEVELOPED THIS CONTINENT!

IN OTHER WORDS, IT WAS WEALTH THAT OUR ANCESTOR YMIR BROUGHT TO MANKIND!

BUT THEY WON'T TRICK US, THE TRUE ELDIANS!

THAT'S RIGHT!! THEY MAY BE ABLE TO TRICK THOSE FOOLS...

SO ALL THAT HISTORY THEY TAUGHT US IN SCHOOL WAS A BUNCH OF DELUSIONS CREATED TO MAKE MARLEY LOOK GOOD! I KNEW IT!

THEN HOW DID YOU COME TO LEARN THESE TRUTHS?

...?

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS FROM LOOKING?

?

NO, I'VE BARELY BEEN ABLE TO DECIPHER ANY OF IT.

I'M IMPRESSED YOU WERE ABLE TO READ THIS ANCIENT LANGUAGE, THOUGH.

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HELLO, EVERYONE. IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU.

IT'S AN HONOR TO BE ABLE TO MEET THIS MANY COMRADES.

THE OWL HAS SENT US SOME-ONE!

COM-RADES !!

GA-CHIK

I AM A DESCENDANT... OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.

MY NAME IS DINA FRITZ.

...TO WHEREVER FATE TOOK ME.

I DECIDED TO DEVOTE MYSELF...

SHE WAS NOW THE ONLY DESCENDANT OF THAT GROUP.

THERE WAS A BRANCH OF THE ROYAL FAMILY THAT REFUSED TO FLEE TO THE ISLAND AT THE END OF THE GREAT TITAN WAR AND STAYED ON THE CONTINENT.

...HIDING IN THE INTERNMENT ZONE WITH THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE TITANS.

HER FAMILY WAITED FOR THE DAY THAT ELDIA WOULD RISE AGAIN...

BAM

WHEN YOU ADD IN THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION THE OWL SENT US, IT'S A CERTAINTY!

I'M SURE OF IT!

THE INFORMATION SHE BROUGHT THE REVIVALISTS WAS NOTHING SHORT OF A PATH TO VICTORY.

THE FOUNDING TITAN, WHICH KING FRITZ TOOK WITH HIM INSIDE THE WALLS!!

THAT IS THE KEY TO ELDIA'S RESTO-RATION!!

THE FOUNDING TITAN HAS THE ABILITY TO RULE AND CONTROL ALL OTHER TITANS!

IF ONLY WE CAN GET OUR HANDS ON IT, WE WILL BE ABLE TO DESTROY MARLEY ONCE MORE!!

BUT... IF KING FRITZ HAS THAT KIND OF ABSOLUTE POWER...

WHY DID HE RETREAT TO THE ISLAND ...?

...BE-CAUSE HE REFUSED TO FIGHT.

THAT IS...

EVEN BEFORE THEN, THE FAMILIES FIGHTING OVER EIGHT TITANS HAD BEEN LOCKED IN CONSTANT CONFLICT FOR GENERATIONS.

THE GREAT TITAN WAR BEGAN WHEN THE 145TH KING INHERITED THE FOUNDING TITAN.

BUT THE 145TH KING ABANDONED THOSE DUTIES AND MOVED THE CAPITAL TO A REMOTE ISLAND.

YET, AS LONG AS THE ROYAL FAMILY COULD SUMMON THE FOUNDING TITAN, ORDER WAS MAINTAINED.

OUR FAMILY COULD NOT AGREE WITH THAT, CAUSING US TO PART WAYS.

...ALL STARTED WHEN THE KING TURNED AWAY FROM CONFLICT.

...THESE YEARS OF SUFFER-ING...

THESE... PITIFUL DAYS...

THEN LET US FIGHT.

IT'S CLEAR WHAT WE HAVE TO DO.

WE'LL TAKE BACK THE FOUNDING TITAN FROM THE KING WHO ABANDONED US AND FLED INSIDE THOSE WALLS.

THE LINE THAT STAYED BEHIND ON THIS CONTINENT FOR THE SAKE OF US, THE ELDIAN PEOPLE!

AND THEN WE WILL OFFER IT TO THE TRUE ROYAL FAMILY...

AND LET US REGAIN OUR PRIDE AS ELDIANS!!

LET US CORRECT THE ERRORS OF HISTORY !!

LET US OVER-THROW MARLEY !!

MY BROTH-ERS!

WE WILL FIGHT UNTIL THE DAY ELDIA RETURNS!!

MY BROTH-ERS!!

WE WERE MARRIED THE NEXT YEAR...

...AND WERE BLESSED WITH A BABY BOY.

HIS NAME WAS ZEKE.

A CHILD WITH ROYAL BLOOD...

I'M SURE HE'LL ONE DAY HELP LEAD US TO VICTORY.

...AND PEOPLE CHANG-ED.

ONE AGE TURNED TO ANOTH-ER...

JUST AS THE WORLD WAS GROWING RAPIDLY...

...A TURNING POINT CAME FOR THE ELDIA RESTO-RATIONISTS.

WE, THE MARLEY GOVERNMENT, HAVE DECIDED TO GATHER WARRIORS OF MARLEY FROM AMONG YOU, THE SUBJECTS OF YMIR!

LISTEN CARE-FULLY, YOU ELD-IANS!

HE CLAIMED THAT SOON, ELDIA WOULD RULE THE WORLD AND ONCE AGAIN CONTROL THIS CONTINENT THROUGH A REIGN OF TERROR!!

WE HAVE RECEIVED A PROCLAMATION FROM KING FRITZ, THAT INCARNATION OF EVIL WHO FLED TO THE ISLAND OF PARADIS!

AND THAT IS WHY WE WILL SPEND YEARS SELECTING WARRIORS FROM INTERNMENT ZONES AROUND THE CONTINENT!

WE MUST SMASH THESE DESPICABLE AMBITIONS OF HIS TO PIECES!!

ONLY A SMALL FEW WILL BECOME THOSE CHOSEN WARRIORS!

HOWEVER!!!

HEALTHY BOYS AND GIRLS FROM AGES FIVE TO SEVEN WILL BE GATHERED AS POTENTIAL WARRIORS!!

...THE SEVEN TITANS NOW UNDER THE MARLEY GOVERNMENT'S CONTROL!!

!!

MUST BE WORTHY OF INHERIT-ING...

FOR THESE WAR-RIORS—

IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO SHOW YOUR ALLE-GIANCE TO MARLEY!

SO, YOU ELD-IANS!

FURTHERMORE, THE FAMILIES OF THESE CHOSEN WARRIORS WILL BE GIVEN THE TITLE OF HONORARY MARLEYANS, AND WE WILL ENSURE THEIR FREEDOM WITHIN THIS COUNTRY!

A MESSAGE FROM THE OWL!

IT'S HERE!

NO... IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE HE WOULD.

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS ?!

WHAT COULD HAVE..

DID KING FRITZ DECLARE WAR?!

I'M GOING TO READ IT

AS YOU KNOW, INCREDIBLE ADVANCES IN MILITARY TECHNOLOGY HAVE BEEN MADE IN RECENT YEARS.

...IS SO IT CAN BE THE FIRST TO ADAPT TO THE COMING STRUGGLES OVER RESOURCES.

THE REASON THE MARLEY GOVERNMENT HAS NOW DECIDED TO MOVE...

WE ARE SURE TO SEE AN AGE WHERE MILITARY POWER BACKED BY FUEL DETERMINES THE STATE OF THE WORLD.

MARLEY NOW USES THE POWER OF THE SEVEN TITANS TO MAINTAIN ITS POSITION AS LEADER OF THE WORLD, BUT THE DAY WILL SOON COME WHEN THIS POWER IS NO LONGER ABSOLUTE.

...WHICH IS SAID TO HAVE MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF FOSSIL FUELS BURIED UNDER IT.

AS WE APPROACH THIS AGE, MARLEY CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO IGNORE THE ISLAND OF PARADIS...

...HE LEFT BEHIND THESE WORDS EIGHTY YEARS AGO.

WHILE WE HAVE STILL NOT HEARD ANYTHING FROM KING FRITZ EVER SINCE HE HID HIMSELF AWAY BEHIND HIS WALLS...

BUT CONQUERING THAT ISLAND IS STILL NO EASY FEAT.

"IF EVER YOU TRY TO INTERFERE IN OUR AFFAIRS...

"THE TENS OF MILLIONS OF TITANS THAT SLEEP INSIDE THE WALLS WILL SURELY FLATTEN THE ENTIRE EARTH."

IN OTHER WORDS, THE MARLEY GOVERN-MENT'S GOAL IS THE SAME AS OURS.

ENTER THE WALLS WITHOUT PROVOKING KING FRITZ...

NO ONE CAN LAY A FINGER ON HIM DIRECTLY.

SO LONG AS THIS THREAT EXISTS...

...THE FOUNDING TITAN.

AND RETAKE...

ELDIA WILL NEVER RISE AGAIN ...!!

AND ONCE THAT HAPPENS ...!

MARLEY WILL OVERTAKE US IN JUST A FEW YEARS...

ALL OUR PLANS ...

WHAT NOW...? AT THIS RATE...

THERE'S STILL AN OPTION LEFT TO US.

NO...

WE'LL MAKE MY SON, ZEKE...

...INTO ONE OF MARLEY'S WARRIORS.

THAT WAS HOW I CAME TO ENTRUST MY SON WITH THE PRIDE OF ELDIA...

...WHILE ALSO SENDING HIM TO BE A WARRIOR OF MARLEY WHO PLEDGED HIS ALLEGIANCE TO AN ENEMY STATE.

BUT IN THE END...

...I WAS STILL THE SAME FOOLISH CHILD I HAD BEEN **THAT DAY.**

...HE BETRAYED BOTH ME AND MY WIFE TO THE MARLEY GOVERNMENT.

AROUND THE TIME MY SON TURNED SEVEN...

THE REVIVALISTS WERE ALL SENT TO **"OUR HEAVEN."**

DOOMED TO JOIN THE MAN-EATING TITANS THAT WANDERED THE ISLAND OF PARADIS FOR ETERNITY.

Continued in Volume 22!

ATTACK ON SCHOOL CASTES

NEW DEVELOPMENTS COMING NEXT VOLUME!

Something like a report on a bunch of teens in that oh-so-sensitive time in their lives who have all kinds of annoying things happen to them over and over at an American-style high school.

Mikasa : Occult Lover

Goth

The Goth
Trying to figure out a curse she can use to repel Jean, who won't stop bothering her.

Sasha : Weird Girl

The Floater
Isn't really able to differentiate between things she can and can't eat.

Floater

Jean : Delinquent
The Bad Boy

Acts bad because he thinks it'll get him girls.

Bad Boy

Connie : Idiot
The Slacker

Slacker

Annie : Delinquent

Bad Girl

Marco : Homework-obsessed Nerd

Brain

The Brain
Otaku buddies with Armin.

Geek

Armin : Otaku

The Geek
A PC-obsessed anime lover.

The Bad Girl
Finds it extremely unpleasant that people consider her and Jean to be in the same category.

Eren : Nothing in particular

The Regular Person
Not part of the popular crowd or the nerds. No dreams or ambitions.

Hitch : Hanger-on

The Wannabe
Wants to become friends with Historia and leech off her popularity.

Wannabe

Marlowe: The Prep

Tries to get everyone he sees to help out his charitable and political causes.

Preps

Bertolt : Gofer

Messenger

The Messenger
Used by Reiner.

Reiner : The School's King

The Jock
Popular at school, but somewhat lacking in tact.

Jock

Historia : The School's Queen

The Queen Bee
The daughter of socialites who has never had to want for anything. Bored with her school life.

Queen Bee

Ymir : The Pleaser

Pleaser

Spoils Historia in hopes of making herself seem indispensable.

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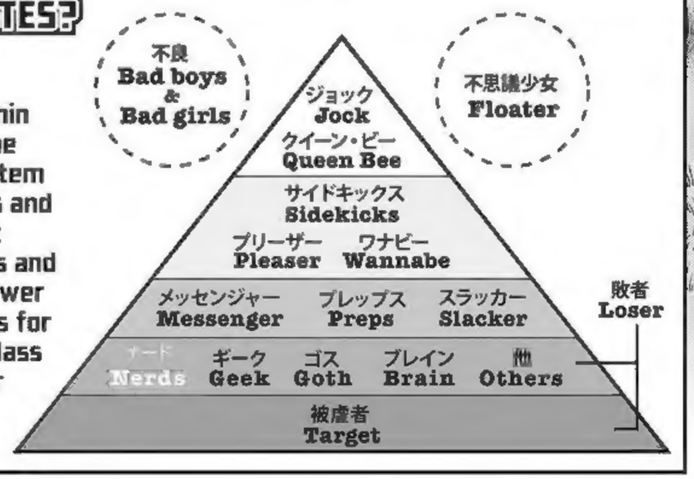

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